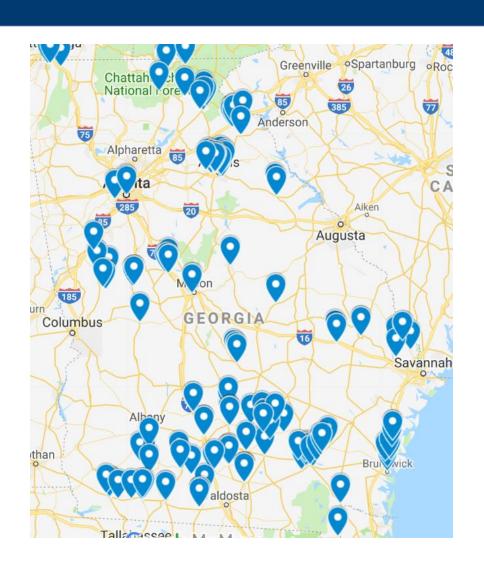
School-Based Telehealth Overview

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Opportunities and Challenges





SBTCs Served by GPT

 143 schools (Primary, Elementary, Middle, High)

31 GA School Districts



Anticipated Costs



Up-Front Costs

- Telehealth unit with exam scopes = ~\$8000
- CLIA Waiver for testing = ~\$150
- General Clinic Supplies = ~\$500

Existing Resources (school and community)

- Use existing medical community
- Use existing school personnel
- Use existing facilities
- Use existing IT Infrastructure

On-Going Costs

- Telehealth network fees = ~\$1200/annually
- License fee = \$450/annually

Cost Offsets

- Schools allowed to bill Originating Site Fees (\$20.50
 \$27.00 per visit)
- 5 students per month covers fees

Legal Risks / Parental Involvement



Legal Risks

- GPT adheres to HIPAA compliance standards
- Software uses SSL encryption
- AES 128-bit encryption
- Schools must adhere to Telehealth Regulations and other applicable rules/regulations

Parental Involvment

- 2 Tier approach with consent
 - Written consent
 - Verbal consent from guardian prior to every appointment
- Parents invited to participate in 2 ways
 - On-site
 - Virtually



Opportunities and Challenges



Getting Started:

- Partner with local health system
- Grants
- School board funding
- Education to parents/faculty about telehealth

Challenges:

- Funding
- School nurse availability
- School buy-in
- Billing (who, what, how)

Opportunities:

- Primary care with community provider (continuity of care)
- Mental Health
- Specialty Health Services

